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THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

No. 96.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER, 1918.

1. The House met, at eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment.—Mr. Speaker took the Chair, and read Prayers.
2. THE WAR—SURRENDER OF TURKEY.—Mr. Watt, by leave, made a statement to the House with reference to the surrender of Turkey and the terms upon which an armistice had been signed, including the passage of the Allied fleets through the Bosphorus to the Black Sea, and the immediate repatriation of all Allied prisoners in the hands of the Turks.
Mr. Tudor, by leave, also addressed the House.
And all Members present having risen, three cheers were given.

3. MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.—EXCISE BILL (1918).—Mr. Speaker announced the receipt of the following Message from the Senate:—

MR. SPEAKER,

Message No. 71.

The Senate returns to the House of Representatives the Bill for "*An Act to amend the 'Excise Act 1901'*," to which it has agreed without amendment.

THOS. GIVENS,
President.

The Senate,
Melbourne, 1st November, 1918.

4. PAPERS.—The following Papers were presented, pursuant to Statute—
 - Inter-State Commission Act—Inter-State Commission—
 - Prices Investigation Reports—
 - No. 8.—Farm Products Group—Milk, Butter, Cheese, Condensed Milk, and Bacon—
 - Further Report dealing with Milk, Butter, Cheese, Bacon, and Condensed Milk in New South Wales and Queensland.
 - No. 9.—Boots and Shoes.

Severally ordered to be printed.
5. ELECTORAL BILL (1918).—The Order of the Day having been read for the resumption of the debate on the question, That the Bill be now read a second time—

Debate resumed.

Mr. Fenton moved, as an amendment, That all the words after "That" be omitted with a view to the insertion of the following words in place thereof:—

"no alteration be made in the electoral laws of the Commonwealth until such time as all the Australian sailors, soldiers and workers have returned to Australia".

Mr. Speaker having ruled that the amendment should have been moved in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order No. 161, Mr. Fenton was allowed to move, as a substituted amendment, That the word "now" be omitted from, and the words "this day six months" be added to, the question "That the Bill be now read a second time".

Debate continued.

Question—That the word proposed to be omitted stand part of the question—put.

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The House divided—

Ayes, 32.		Noes, 15.	
Mr. Archibald	Mr. Livingston	Mr. Brennan	Mr. Riley
Mr. Atkinson	Mr. Lynch	Mr. Charlton	Mr. Tudor
Mr. Bamford	Mr. Mackay	Mr. Considine	Mr. Watkins
Mr. Bayley	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Finlayson	Mr. West
Mr. Boyd	Mr. Orchard	Mr. Higgs	
Mr. Chanter	Mr. Pigott	Mr. Mahony	
Mr. Chapman	Mr. Poynton	Mr. W. Maloney	<i>Tellers:</i>
Mr. Corser	Mr. Sampson	Mr. Mathews	Mr. Fenton
Mr. Falkiner	Mr. Laird Smith	Mr. Nicholls	Mr. Page
Mr. R. W. Foster	Mr. Spence		
Mr. Fowler	Mr. Watt		
Mr. Glynn	Mr. Webster		
Mr. Greene	Mr. Wise		
Mr. Gregory			
Mr. Groom	<i>Tellers:</i>		
Mr. Jowett	Mr. Story		
Mr. Leckie	Mr. John Thomson		

And so it was resolved in the affirmative.

Question—That the Bill be now read a second time—put and passed.—Bill read a second time.
Mr. Speaker left the Chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

(In the Committee.)

Clause 1—

Progress to be reported, and leave asked to sit again.

The House resumed; Mr. Chanter reported accordingly.

Resolved—That the House will, on Wednesday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

6. PAPER.—The following Paper was presented, pursuant to Statute—
Northern Territory—Ordinance of 1918—No. 12.—Supreme Court.
7. ADJOURNMENT.—Mr. Glynn moved, That the House do now adjourn.
Debate ensued.
Question—put and passed.

And then the House, at twenty-six minutes past four o'clock p.m., adjourned until Wednesday next at three o'clock p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT.—All Members were present (at some time during the sitting) except—
Lieut.-Col. Abbott, Mr. Anstey*, Mr. Blakeley, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Burchell*(a), Mr. J. H. Catts,
Sir Joseph Cook*, Mr. Fleming*(a), Mr. Heitmann*(a), Mr. Hughes*, Mr. Jensen, Mr. Lamond,
Mr. Lister, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McGrath, Mr. Rodgers, Brigadier-General Ryrie*(a), Mr. Wallace(a),
and Mr. Yates*(a).

* On leave.

(a) Joined Australian Imperial Force.

WALTER A. GALE,
Clerk of the House of Representatives.